be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any Provident Insurance Society established in Cochin prior to the passing of Regulation II of 1110 deposited with the Comptroller of Accounts the sum of Rs. 5,000 or the equivalent securities or bonds as mentioned in section 4 (1) of the said Regulation; if so, which are they; have they made the further deposits contemplated by the section; if so, which are they;

(b) has any Provident Insurance Society established in Cochin deposited the sum of Rs. 50,000 as contemplated in the proviso to section 4 (1) of the said Regulation; if so, which are they;

(c) which are the non-Cochin Insurance concerns on whose behalf income-tax was paid in Cochin in 1109, 1110 and 1111?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The information has to be treated as confidential under section 56 (1) of the Cochin Income-tax Regulation.

Trichur Municipality—special audit—orders regarding.

196. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the final orders passed by Mr. Herbert as the result of the special audit and inquiry of the administration of the Trichur Municipality in 1108?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Why?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Only orders finally passed by the Government will be placed on the table. A review was published in the Gazette and the explanation of the present Chairman has been called for.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The final orders passed by the Diwan cannot be placed?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Only final orders passed by the Government will be.

Registered letter in the Kunnamkulam Anchal Office—missing of.

197. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**— Will the

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Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one registered letter was missing in the Kunnamkulam Anchal Office;

if so, what action was taken and how the matter ended?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes, in Medam 1108.

The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is now more than three years?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Anchal Master was suspended and degraded and it has been ordered that he should not be put in charge of an independent station. There is a civil case pending in the Wadakkanchery Munsiff's Court and so further action will be taken only after knowing the results of the civil case.

Tolls—collection of.

198. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that in Mysore and some other States the practice of collecting tolls by the Municipalities and Taluks is for 24 hours and not from sun-rise to sun-set;

(2) will the Government be pleased to introduce this system in our State also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) It is not the practice in the State to collect tolls from sun-rise to sun-set. It is from mid-night to mid-night at Municipal toll-gates and from sun-rise to sun-rise at Taluk toll-gates.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not the principle of levying tolls that the toll is levied for using the road for 24 hours?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—I accept that principle. But there are certain practical difficulties. If the tolls are maintained by two different toll contractors there is a likelihood of the person who takes the toll receipt to induce the contractor to give a wrong time. If such a practice is followed it is possible that our toll revenues will be affected.

Connecting the river lying between Chambakara and Chittur (South) with the Backwater.

199. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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